

same had been from us, or by our Order, obliges us to presume to set that Matter in it's proper Light to your Excellency.

That the said Letter was not wrote or sent by our Order, or with our Knowledge, we hope the Paper hereto annexed, signed by Mr. *Bordley*, will satisfy your Excellency in that Point, as likewise that no use was made of the Key of the Assembly Office.

If your Excellency shall be pleased to permit that Mr. *William Ghiselin* be examined as to the Circumstances attending that Affair, we humbly presume to say he will declare to the same Effect, as we doubt not his Veracity.

We humbly hope that no Transaction of Ours, executed by virtue of any Order of the House of Delegates, will bear being interpreted in any wise to command any Persons whatever, or in the least to oppose Government.

With Regard to the Denomination of Committee, which seems to have given Offence, we humbly conceive it to be but a Term, and imports no more than Agents, Commissioners, or Managers, and without some Persons to Act, the End (which is allowed to be lawful) cannot be attained, to wit, the Addressing the Right Honourable the Lord Proprietary, or if need be, his most Sacred Majesty.

The great Regard we have to Government, and the Duty we owe to your Excellency's Authority, derived to you from his Lordship the Lord Proprietary, and approved by his Majesty, induces us to assure you, that it is very remote from us to have the least intention of opposing the same, but on the contrary shall pay due Obedience thereto, and demean Ourselves as loyal and dutiful Subjects.

We humbly pray that your Excellency will not be displeas'd with us, nor that the modest discharge of our Duty in the Trust reposed, be imputed to us as a Crime: We really desire your favourable Countenance and Opinion. And are, with dutiful Respect,

*Your Excellency's*

Most obedient, and

Most humble Servants,

*Annapolis, 25th. Sept. 1739.*

*C. Carroll,  
V. Denton,  
Edward Sprigg,  
Turner Wootton,  
Osborn Sprigg,  
John Magruder.*